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Please do everything within your power to insure that the US government's antitrust case against Microsoft is settled under the legislation currently proposed. The terms of the proposed settlement appear fair. It is in both Microsoft's customers' and shareholders' best interest to move on at this point. Millions have already been wasted on showy court proceedings.

Microsoft's monopoly will be restricted by effective innovations on the part of its competitors. I increasingly have the feeling that Microsoft's competitors are leaning on the government to level what appears to them to be an uneven playing field. This is not the case. Microsoft's products are simply better and very affordable. Microsoft's strongest competitor is currently itself. When this ceases to be true, the apparent monopoly will begin to dissipate. I do not think our capitalistic system has ever seen this phenomena fail. Who would have expected Microsoft to win out over mighty IBM in the operating systems arena 20 years ago?

As a result of the tragic events of September 11, the United States and the Department of Justice have many new opportunities for both its attention and its financial resources. The pursuit of Microsoft is one area in which we need to call a halt. We should divert those funds to help insure the safety of US citizens.

Sincerely,  
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